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BUSINESS MEN

WHO APPRECIATE PATRONAGE OF UNION MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES ADVERTISE IN ORGANIZED LABOR'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

UNION MEN

OF ALAMEDA COUNTY EARN SIX MILLION DOLLARS MONTHLY AND ARE SPENDING THEIR UNION WAGES AT HOME WITH FRIENDS OF LABOR.

JOURNAL LIGHTS

By FRANK BURKE

Trades Council Meeting—

In Fresno tomorrow representatives of the California State Building Trades Council will meet to discuss problems now confronting the trades mechanics in the state.

This group, called the regional committee, is open to suggestions of the various unions. Any organization of A. F. of L. workers can submit their problems to this committee.

The trades council is again becoming active in the state and the trades mechanics welcome their help.

To Try Child Labor Bill Again—

Senator Vandenberg, republican of Michigan, said today he will seek action in the special session of congress on a child labor amendment to the constitution.

A proposed amendment sponsored by Vandenberg has been approved by the senate judiciary committee and is on the calendar.

A child labor amendment previously referred to the states has been ruled outdated by the Kentucky court of appeals, Vanderburg said.

Teachers At It Again—

Isn't it funny how the "educated" school teachers in convention last week criticized the state federation of labor and the A. F. of L. for not seating the "reds" at their annual convention.

These educators, or should I say teachers, sure have their nerve. They were tried in the old central labor council here and because of their "left wing" attitude were not seated in the new council. Only a short time ago one of their members who tried to "work his way in" to an office in the old council was "thrown out" of teaching in Eureka. His "superior complex" was unbearable in the old council also as was several other teachers.

I'm told by a member of the teachers' union, by the way they are now affiliated with the CIO council, that the wrangling goes on for hours at their meetings with the same old "stuff" flying hither and yon by the same trouble makers that disrupted the old central council here.

Their nerve is great . . . but kind-o-screwey if you should ask me.

Armistice Day—

A song of joy swept round the world nineteen years ago on November 11.

Soldiers danced jigs of wild delight in the trenches, and millions of mothers wept for sheer gladness, the long torment of fear ended at last.

The world had never seen anything like the tumult and the cheering which stormed the heavens when word came the world's greatest and most terrible war was over. That war killed 126,000 American doughboys, and wounded and gassed nearly twice that number. It cost the world 400 billion dollars, and no nation is yet through paying the costs of that holocaust.

Yet today, civil and international wars again rage. Tragic as they are, they give a special meaning to America's celebration of Armistice day. They make plain that war does not end war, that peace founded on violence breeds further violence, that what is achieved by force will be overthrown by force!

Leading the Nation!—

A note of cheer for California's prosperity was wrapped up in a neat package of imposing figures made public the other day.

We lead every state in the union, including the densely populated state of New York which lays claim to twice as many inhabitants as California, in the total number of car registrations!

In the first six months of the year, this state chalked up 2,476,487 motor vehicle registrations, to New York's 2,360,408 in the same period.

Purchasing power in California is packing a huskier wallop than it was a year ago, and the thousands of workers in the state's automobile plants and in the heavy industries of the east, will reap some of the benefits of this added push in the pockets of California's Mr. John J. Consumer.

A Price On Your Head—

If any men reading this are nursing a secret hope to make a speech, write a book, build a bridge, make an invention, which will live on after them and immortalize their name, they'd better hang onto their hats! A Paris auction the other day indicated that the fame which clothes a man's name may even go so far as to include his topper—even though nary a diamond nor gold band crowns it. Up for sale at this auction went a hat once worn by Napoleon. "Sold!" cried the auctioneer a few moments later, "for one thousand dollars!" Altogether, there are eight hats of the little corporal known to be in existence, and one of them is valued at $2000. Thus the value of a man's hat, it appears, is determined by the head that wears it. This, at least, seems much more desirable than if the reverse were true!

CLERKS STRIKE CAPWELL STORE

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COUNCILS TO ORGANIZE TRADESMEN

Gigantic Organizing Program of Building Trades Councils Under Way In All Sections of Country

Building and Construction Trades Department In Move To Bring All Trades Mechanics Into Local Trades Councils

Gratifying reports from the Denver convention of the building and construction trades department show that there has been a tremendous increase in the number of members of its affiliated internationals.

Encouraging as these reports were, the officers and delegates to the convention, however, realize that there is an imperative necessity of doubling organizing efforts. First, there is the increasing menace resulting from organization of non-union men into dual unions; second, there is the great economic changes that doom unorganized workmen to small wages and long hours unless they join bonafide unions; third, there are the provisions of the federal Wagner act which make it possible for union men to organize without fear of punishment and to legally compel employers to confer with them with regard to the demands of workmen for better conditions.

Unquestionably, now is the time for every union to redouble its efforts in its organizing campaigns.

The committee of the Denver convention of the department which dealt with this subject made the following report:

We note that there has been added eleven new local building and construction trade councils and eleven re-established local building and construction trades councils, and desire to urge the affiliated international organizations to prevail upon their officers and organizers to lend all assistance possible to the establishment of state and local building and construction trades councils.

This report of the committee was unanimously adopted by the convention.

Recommend State Councils

The executive council of the building and construction trades department, which is composed of its affiliated international presidents, in making its report, which was adopted by the convention stated in part that:

The executive council gave consideration to the application for state building trades council charters for the building trades organizations of Iowa and Tennessee. In veiw of the action taken by the Vancouver convention in denying a charter to the Washington state building trades organizations, considerable discussion ensued, and it was pointed out that in a number of states the federations of labor were supporting the CIO; that our building trades organizations were forced to meet different conditions than those existing in 1931, hence the department should initiate any movement which would closely integrate the building trades organizations. The executive council believed that the issuance of state building trades council charters would be effective in bringing about the desired results.

These decisions of the building and construction trades department of the American Federation of Labor, which were voted for by the officers and delegates from the several great building trades international unions, were most timely and significant.

This is a time for greater unity; this is a time for greater co-operation; this is a time to build stronger and better unions, local councils, and state building trades councils.

This program has the unqualified support and endorsement of the building and construction trades department of the American Federation of Labor and of the affiliated internationals, who are bound by law and duty to render every possible assistance in carrying forward a gigantic organizing campaign for building and construction workmen, to the end that those workmen will be afforded the protection and the improved conditions to which they are so justly and lawfully entitled.

29th Birthday Celebrated By Operators 169

250 Invited Guests Attend Celebration of Moving Picture Operators

Moving Picture Operators' Union, Local No. 169, celebrated its 29th anniversary last week with 250 invited guests attending.

The affair was held in the Elks' building. Dancing and a floor show lasted until the wee hours of the morning; refreshments were served also.

City and county officials were in attendance. They were: Earl Warren, district attorney; Clifford Wixson, supervisor; Manning Basch, assistant fire chief; city councilmen Herbert Beach, James H. Quinn, J. A. DePaoli, Dr. J. F. Slavich, Dr. T. W. Fitzsimmons, George Peters and Frank Shattuck.

The affair was acclaimed one of the best events put on by any labor organization in the bay area. President Irvin Bishop and Business Representative Al Daul were in charge.

Many a store has a "closed" sign on it because it sold the goods of open-shoppers!

TURKEY

Ladies' Auxiliary To Give Annual Party Saturday Night

WHIST

Last call for the annual turkey dinner and whist to be given by the ladies of Typographical Auxiliary No. 26, on this Saturday night, November 6. Dinner at 6, and cards at 8.

This is one of the best attended local labor affairs of the year. You are requested to make your reservations immediately.

The scene of this gala affair will be the Veterans' memorial hall, 4321 Salem street, Emeryville.

Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. D. F. Hurd, secretary, at OLympic 8807. Tickets for the dinner and cards are $1.00 each. Don't forget "turkey and all the fixin's" at 6 p. m., and cards at 8 p. m.

More Horses in Chicago

That horses are supplanting motor vehicles in Chicago's street traffic seems to be proved by the big proportionate increase of horse-drawn vehicles during the last year. In 1936, a total of 2,760 horse-drawn vehicles were licensed in that city. Up to October 1, this year, the number licensed was 3,239 with three months more to go.

LABOR JOURNAL ONLY OFFICIAL LABOR PAPER

Workers . . . advertisers . . . attention!

Don't be fooled by false labor papers.

Certain people are about to fool the public again by placing on the streets of Oakland a "phoney" newspaper calling it a labor weekly. These same people have already tried to fool the public with several other editions under the guise of a labor press, but have failed miserably.

Don't be fooled by another false publication.

The East Bay Labor Journal has been in circulation in the east bay district for the past 20 years. tI is a newspaper of general circulation as provided by the post office laws. It is mailed to the homes of union labor men and women every Friday. The Journal is owned, controlled and published by the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils of Alameda county, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

It is organized labor's newspaper. No other newspaper has the endorsement of the central labor and building trades councils in Alameda county.

Watch your step . . . don't be fooled again by "phoney" labor papers.

International President Of Plasterers' Union At Meeting of Local No. 112

M. J. Colleran, international president of the plasterers' union, attended the regular meeting of Plasterers' Union, Local No. 112, last night in Castle hall on 12th street.

President Colleran gave the members of loal 112 a report on general conditions in the plastering industry in the United States; also the large increase in membership during the past year.

WALGREEN DISPLAYS SHOP CARD

Local Drug Store On Five-Day Work Week and Eight-Hour Day

Culinary Workers' Alliance, Local No. 31, reports the signing of an agreement with Walgreen's, local drug department store. This pact calls for the 5-day week, 8-hour day and the 40-hour work week, and makes the culinary department 100 per cent union.

The union card of the culinary craft is now on display and 40 members of the cooks and waiters' union are employed.

This agreement is the result of an extensive campaign launched by the culinary craft some time ago, to place union cards in all of Alameda county's eating places.

Lincoln Peters, one of the business representatives of the alliance in making this report, says: "This is only the beginning of active effort on behalf of my union to organize all eating establishments in the county, and local labor will be informed as to the progress made in this campaign."

WORRIES

"There seems to be a lot of worry as to whether the salmon will be able to get over the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river, but no one seems to be worrying whether the taxpayers will ever get over."

PAINTERS' UNION ISSUES CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Painters' Union No. 127 calls attention of its membership to a special called meeting, to be held on Thursday, November 11, at the labor temple, 552 Eleventh street.

This meeting is called to rescind the union's vote on the agreement between the Alameda County Building Trades Council and the building industrial advisory board.

All members are urged to attend.

B. SCHMIDT, Rec. Sec.

AFL WAREHOUSEMEN SIGN SPROUSE-REITZ COMPANY AGREEMENT

Sprouse-Reitz company, located at 22nd and Adeline streets, Oakland, has signed a closed shop agreement with General Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, according to Jules Bertola, local organizer.

This agreement calls for the 40-hour work week, with increases in wages averaging 25 per cent.

Sprouse-Reitz company has notion and novelty stores throughout the east bay.

Local Paint Co. On "Bad" List of Organized Labor

Sherwin Williams Employes Still Refusing to Join Paintmakers' Union

Now that courts are applying the cases placed before them to fit the statutes instead of applying good sense to fit the case it is up to organized labor to show its true strength and spirit of cooperation by reading the "We don't Patronize" lists of the building trades and central labor councils and refusing to patronize these non-union concerns.

Paintmakers' Local No. 1101 has been waging an extensive advertising campaign against the only paint manufacturer in the entire Alameda and Contra Costa district on the "We Don't Patronize" list.

Refuse To Join Union

The men in this concern refuse to become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and are determined to break down the conditions gained by organized labor.

Once again the paintmakers request all union men and women to cooperate with the painters and use paints that are manufactured by union employees. Sherwin Williams Paint Co. is non-union and has fought the painters' union and the central labor council in the courts, labor leaders say.

Painters in the state of California have listed this company on the "bad" list and request labor not to use Sherwin William paints.

MILLMEN

Special Called Meeting Well Attended By Local Members

On Thursday night, October 28, Millmen's Union No. 550 held a special called meeting to vote on affiliation with the Alameda County Building Trades Council. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance.

An iron jack plane, a month's dues and a claw hammer went to the members attending this meeting. These tools were furnished the committee by Simon Hardware Co., Eighth and Washington streets.

ASK FOR UNION SHOP CARD OF CLERKS' UNION

If Card Is Not On Display Do Not Patronize Food Stores, Clerks Say

"If the union store card is not on display in local food stores, don't patronize the place of business."

This request came today from James Suffridge, representing the retail food clerks' union of Alameda county.

Food stores that display the union store card are entitled to the full support and cooperation of organized labor members. Do not in any way support a food store that does not operate according to union rules and regulations.

To make sure the store is union throughout, just look for the union shop card and you can't go wrong.

Frank Moran Is Chosen Outside Representative Printing Trades' Unions

Frank Moran, president of the East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council, has been appointed full-time representative, delegated the authority to handle outside organization and special business for the Pressmen's Union No. 125, Corrugated, Fibre and Waxpaper Workers' Union No. 382 and the allied printing trades council.

This advance, the services of a business manager, will do much to further the interests of these printing trades' unions, and the above organizations are to be congratulated upon the appointment of a man of the character of Moran.

Labor unions seeking the co-operation of this new leader can contact him at the Lurie building, 12th and Franklin streets, or by telephone at GLencourt 0309.

Allied Printing Trades Calls Regular Meeting

The East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council will meet in regular session next Tuesday night, November 9.

This meeting is the regular meeting for the month of November, and will be held in the Richfield Oil building, 1305 Franklin street, Oakland, at 7:30 p. m.

Among the routine business to come before the delegates is the consideration of several applications for the use of the union label of the printing trades.

Delegates are requested to attend.

Contributions Still Accepted By Temple Assn.

Work Progressing Rapidly On New Home For Union Labor, Alameda Co.

Have you contributed to the new labor temple yet?

If not, why not?

Remodeling on the new home for union labor of Alameda county on Webster street is nearing completion and according to association officials all halls should be available by the first of the new year with some ready for occupancy within three weeks.

Several crafts have already donated their services in remodeling the new building. Crafts donating to the association will be given preference in hall and office space in the new home for union labor.

You still have time to send in your donation. Do it now!

STRIKE CALLED AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL; EMPLOYERS REFUSE UNION SHOP

H. C. Capwell Company Leaders Are Refusing To Meet "Union Store" Issue; U. S. Conciliator Also Turned Down

Union clerks employed in the H. C. Capwell company store in Oakland were on strike yesterday after the Capwell management flatly refused to recognize the "union shop" issue presented by the clerks' union in an agreement some four months ago.

The strike was called after four months of negotiations failed and the employers, through their association, turned thumbs down on the demands made by the local union.

When everything looked dark for both sides, and with the threat of the employers . . . if one store is closed by a strike 42 others would close likewise . . . Walter G. Mathewson, United States conciliator, representing Frances Perkins of the department of labor, was called in to use his good offices in making an adjustment. Mathewson's recommendations were also turned down by the employers.

The conciliator had recommended that "all future employes in the department store become members of the union 30 days after receiving employment, eliminating those employes not now members of the union. Thumbs down, however, was the answer given Mathewson.

Last week members of the clerks' union voted, by secret ballot, nine to one, to strike Capwell company if the agreement was not signed by November 4. Some seventeen hundred ballots were cast. Over five hundred union members are employed in the Capwell company.

Everything humanly possible was done to prevent the strike, labor officials said.

Reports to the union from H. C. Capwell employes regarding wages are to the effect that, part-time employes receive the grand sum of $11 a week while the full-time employes receive as high as $20 a week; some employes have worked for the company for the past 10 years.

When informed that if the H. C. Capwell store employes were called out on strike all other stores would close, K. M. Griffin, international representative said:

We are not striking anyplace other than the Capwell store. By closing other department stores in a lock out the employers are trying to jockey the clerks into a general strike. Should this happen it rests entirely on the shoulders of the employers.

Union clerks are willing to accept the recommendation of the United States conciliator but even his proposal for a settlement was turned down by the employers.

We are asking for a union shop, not a closed shop, an increase in wages and classification of employes. When this was refused by the Capwell company the employes voted, nine to one, to strike. We have the support of the entire labor movement in the state of California in our fight.

During negotiations the union was represented by a committee from the central labor council and the building trades council. Both councils have placed H. C. Capwell company on the official "We Don't Patronize" list.

The union has requested union labor members and friends not to patronize Capwell's store until a settlement is reached with the clerks.

Union Label League In Regular Meeting

The Union Label League of Alameda county met in semi-monthly meeting at the carpenters' hall Thursday night, October 28.

Regular business received the attention of the delegates present, with Vice President Courant in the chair.

Credentials were presented and accepted for the following delegates: international association cleaning and dyehouse workers, Josephine Harding and Ed. Yardstrom; Auto Painters' Union No. 1176, Henry Beer and B. F. Schmitt; Carpenters' Union No. 1622 of Hayward, Charles Roe, and Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160, Kittie Lindholm.

The report of the secretary, James Doyle, and the report of unions completed the session.

The league meets again on Thursday night, November 11, at the hour of 8 p.m.

Rails' Fuel Needs

One-fifth of the bituminous coal and fuel oil produced in the United States is purchased by the railroads.

Engineers Install New Local Charter

Union Receives Charter From International President Poesshl

A new hoisting and portable engineers' local union charter was installed for Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa and Solano counties Monday by International Organizer R. R. Corrie.

Officers of the newly formed union were elected with F. A. Lawrence as business representative and J. H. Quinn as president. The new union's number is 208.

Under the old set up all hoisting and portable engineers were under the supervision and jurisdiction of local No. 59; since the granting of the new charter, however, all engineers in the above four counties will come under the jurisdiction of local union No. 208.

The new union will send delegates to all central labor and building trades council in its jurisdiction, F. A. Lawrence said today. Offices of local 208 are in the labor temple at 11th and Clay streets, Oakland. Phone Glencourt 2474.

The charter was installed November 1.

All hoisting and portable engineers coming under the jurisdiction of 208 are requested to deposit their clearance cards in the new local immediately.

KEY SYSTEM SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL NO. 50

Delegates of Electrical Workers' Union No. 50, reporting to the delegates of the central labor council at last Monday night's meeting, informed those present that the Key System of Oakland has signed a closed shop agreement with their union.

The agreement in addition, calls for the seniority rights clause, giving members employed at the Key System further guarantees of protection.

UNION LABOR NEWS BROADCAST OVER STATION KROW

Tonight and every Friday night from 6:45 to 7 o'clock the labor news broadcast will be heard over station KROW.

This program is sponsored by the East Bay Labor Journal. It gives you the high-ups and the low-downs on organized labor in Alameda county and other parts of the nation.

Listen in tonight. Get first hand information on what organized labor is doing to benefit the workers.

Listen in every Friday night.

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Age Discrimination in Employment

The wholly unwarranted and absolutely unjust victimization which employers under the profit system impose on those able and willing to work and capable of producing large quantities of commodities and render large amounts of service but who have reached the ages of forty to forty-five years is poignantly brought out in the report of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to the 1937 convention of the federation at Denver, Colorado.

In discussing the provision in the social security act designed to provide at least an approach to social security for the aged, the council points out that according to the U. S. census of 1930 there were 6,500,000 persons sixty-five years of age or over out of a total population of 123,091,000, with the significant comment that "the ratio of those over sixty-five years of age to the total population" is rapidly increasing, adding:

"Unless this steadily increasing group of persons over sixty-five is economically independent, society will be confronted with a very serious problem."

The problem is presented by the question, What are the chances that these persons sixty-five years of age or over will be able to provide an old age income for themselves? In considering this important problem, the executive council said:

> In this connection we should note the increasing difficulties older workers have in securing employment. Testimony as to the hiring policies unfavorable to employing workers over 40 or 45 years of age accumulates and to it have been added studies in Massachusetts, Maryland, California, Pennsylvania and New York. The evidence points to developing practices which fix the hiring age limits within the ages of 20 to 40. With this contraction of the years during which good income can be earned, chances for savings decline.

Inasmuch as the old age benefits under the provisions of the federal social security act are limited to those sixty-five years of age or over and state old age assistance subsidized by the federal government usually fixes the eligible age requirement at sixty-five, it is plain that there is little hope of a decent living for those millions of persons between forty and forty-five years and sixty-five years who are banned from employment by the constantly growing hiring age limits of employers.

The basic reason underlying the power of employers to make this unjust discrimination in terms of employment is the existence of a large army of unemployed working men and women now conservatively estimated to number 7,800,000.

With this surplus of workers in the so-called "labor market," employers have the power to select employees and to impose age limitations if they desire to do so.

Saturated with the profit psychology and with the irrational belief that persons over forty-five or even forty years of age are less productive than those under these ages, this type of employers cast aside the older workers, who are compelled to pick up a living as best they can at odd jobs and irregular employment. Because they are not eligible for either federal old age annuities or state old age assistance until they reach sixty-five years their condition is a tragedy both individually and socially.

An industrial system that stimulates the creation of an unemployed army composed of men and women in the prime of their productive lives is not a credit to American civilization.

Unions Work For Safety

The successful safety campaign conducted by the Washington, D. C., building trades council shows what unions can do to guard workers from accidents. One result of the campaign was setting of a new world safety record by Ironworkers Local No. 5 in the erection of a big government building. Unions elsewhere are helping to reduce the too large accident toll. Individal unionists everywhere can help to promote safety by constant care and vigilance on the job, in the home and on the highways.

Farley's Plea for the 3-Cent Stamp

Uncle Sam's a pretty good business man. Postmaster General Farley demonstrates that in his latest report on his department. Receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 approximated $726,000,000, a new high record, and frank mail charges are excluded, as they should be.

Mr. Farley advocates the retention of the 3-cent stamp for out-of-town letters, and his arguments are sound.

But he has even a better reason for retaining the 3-cent rate. He wants the additional revenue "until such time as we have accomplished all service improvements that are necessary."

AUXILIARY NOTES

HOW THE WOMEN ARE HELPING THROUGH THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

Typographical Auxiliary No. 26

The regular monthly business meeting was held at the club house Thursday afternoon, Nov. 4th. A fiine attendance, with President Peterson presiding.

The final arrangements for the big dinner, being disussed, and all is in readiness for the "Big Feed" Saturday evening at six o'lok in the Veterans' memorial building, Salem street, in Emeryville.

There are a few tickets reserved for those who have not received theirs from a member, and can be had at the door.

A few tickets can be had on the afghan also. Ask Mrs. Hurd, or any member at the dinner about them.

The gifts are beautiful, for the card party after the dinner, and a wonderful time is promised to all who attend.

Mrs. Chilson gave a very interesting talk before the typographical meeting, in regard to the Christmas stamps. Put them on all your packages, and letters. They are the only union stamps in circulation.

Any member can supply you with them at the dinner. Boost the "label".

"We boost the Union Label."
MABEL BOEK, Press Cor.

NOTES OF LADIES' AUXILIARY OF I. A. OF M. No. 97

Rummage Sale

Special Christmas committee of No. 97 announces the date of their rummage sale, November 27th, to be held at 487 10th street. Discarded clothing, odds and ends in china and glassware, books, shoes, and garments for youngsters, dresses, coats, hats, white elephants, furs and art novelties. No matter how small or large the articles are, or how few the donations may be, a car will call for these contributions on a telephone message to President Lorraine Metteer, FRuitvale 2349W; Eugenia Cortezzo, FRuitvale 7320W, or Wilma Benger, Fruitvale 0868J.

White Elephant and Candy Sale

Have you a white elephant at home? If so send it to Chairman Anna Hoover. This sale will be held November 17th. All are requested to come in costume. So start now and get your costume ready, and there will be no excuse that you were not notified in time.

Dessert Whist

A dessert and whist will be given by the social committee of No. 97 on November 10th at 12:30 o'clock at the home of President Lorraine Metteer, 1610 Excelsior avenue. Sister Anna Hoover is chairman and is planning a prize for every table. President Metteer will plan the dessert. The committee will donate the gifts, "aprons." So come, bring your friends and take home an apron. Score cards 25 cents, not 35 cents. Anna Hoover, chairman, PIedmont 7649-J.

Registration

Sisters, once again I remind you to send your children's names and ages up to 12 years inclusive, or phone secretaries: Gladys Costa, 3719 Quigley street, ANdover 4036, or Marie Dixon, 1831 Irving avenue, FRuitvale 1476J.

Social Committtee

Social committee met at the home of Sister Mildred Hendee on Earl street. The committee was served a delicious lunch of noodle ring, salad, dessert, hot biscuits and coffee. Decorations were of Hallowe'en effect. They met last Friday, the day was ideal. Committee were planning for their activities they are going to hold, and the plans for the dessert whist were completed. Hostess furnished transportation to and from all points to the meeting and back.

Notes

President Lorraine Metteer and Sister Eugenia Cortezzo called on little Miss Priscilla Ann Noddin, and little Miss Darleen Dean Rogers and brought them a gift from Ladies' Auxiliary I. A. of M. No. 97.

Business Representative Brother F. W. Hardison is home from the hospital. We hope to see him up and around again.

Ladies' Auxiliary No. 97 hopes that Brother E. Costa is improving day by day.

Miss Dorothy Gerhard of San Jose was visiting her aunt, Sister Madeline Dignan, for a week.

Sister Anna Davis wishes to thank her mystery sister for the pretty card.

A Lingerie Shower

A lingerie shower was given in honor of Miss Marie Roschitsch who is engaged to Mr. James Dignan, last Wednesday evening. Supper was served at 7 o'clock and decorations on the tables were Hallowe'en. The party was held at the home of Miss Agnes and Gertrude Watty of Regent street, Alameda.

Game of cootie was the diversion for the guests. Marie received many pretty gifts.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160

Regular business meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160 was held Tuesday, November 2, with a fair attendance.

Sister Lindholm spoke on her report from the union label league. "There is not enough people asking for the union label, be sure and look in all garments you buy, and see that the union label is there."

The sisters have decided to postpone entertaining No. 36 until next year, as they will all be together at the Christmas party to be given at Ellis hall, December 11.

There will be a joint dessert whist party given by Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160 and the Machinists' Auxiliary No. 197 on Tuesday, November 16, at 12:30. Admission will be 25 cents. This party will be held in Carpenters' hall, banquet room, downstairs. Come and bring your friends.

Sisters I want to remind you that our meetings start promptly at 1:30 and are never later than 3:30, which gives you ample time to get home and prepare supper.

Will you try to attend more regular?

BETTY SHUMAKE, Press Cor.

CHANGED HIS MIND

In Grayson, Ky., Carl M. Jaynes, county clerk, received a marriage certificate marked "void" returned to him by a preacher. With the certificate was a note by the minister stating that the young couple who had asked him to marry them got as far as the altar of the church. There the bridegroom got cold feet and no amount of persuasion would induce him to go on with the ceremony so the wedding was called off.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends.

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Dad's Cookie Co., 414 23rd Ave.
Blohms Bakery, 5852 Foothill Blvd.

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John Colli, Banta
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Dave's Place, 32nd Ave. & E. 12th
Coit Hotel Coffee Shop
Silver Grill, 16th and Clay Sts.
S. H. Kress Stores
Woolworth Stores
All White Log Taverns
Cat & Fiddle Inn, 37 Grand Ave.
Foster's White Lunches
Colonial Cafeteria, 1506 Franklin
Bluett Fountain Food Shops, 3232 Grand Ave.
Oakland Airport Cafe & Restaurant, Municipal Airport

Miscellaneous
H. C. Capwell Co., 20th & Bdwy.
Cadaco Co., 10th & Union Sts.
Webb Motor Co., 2321 Broadway, Oakland; 2371 Shattuck, Berkeley.
East Bay News
Cudahy Packing Co.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.
Central French Laundry, 425 Foothill Blvd.
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway
Kroehler Manufacturing Company
Calif. Nursery Co., Niles, Calif.
Barber Shop, 474-8th St.
Varsity Barber Shop, 2305 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies Home Journal
Country Gentlemen
Standard Oil Company of Calif.
Leamington Barber Shop
Barber Shop, 435 12th Street
Peerless Stages System
Leed's Shoe Store, 1315 Wash.
Peerless Boiler Shop, 2020 E 12th.
Pioneer Farm Creamery, Berk.
Goldstone Bros., overalls
Sunset View Cemetery
C. K. Williams, Emeryville

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL
Plumbing
Knut Nelson, 2534-14th Avenue
M. J. Schmitt, 2217 Grant St.

Miscellaneous
C. E. Montgomery, Painting Cont.
O'Keefe & Merritt Stove Co., Los Angeles
Lingren & Swinnerton Co.
A. French, Painter, Alameda
Palmolive-Peet Co., Berkeley
Forderer Cornice Co.
L. B. Hooker Co.
Harold Childers, 580-58th St.
Standard Fence Company
Calif. Ornamental Iron & Fence Co.
Parrott Ornamental Iron Works
Marshall Steel Co.—Laundry and Dry Cleaners
Newberry Store, 19th & B'dway
Ansel Electric, 1401 Park, Ala.
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Kalem Laundry, Berkeley
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Bakers' Union To Hold Dance December 11th

Bakers' Union No. 119 will hold a dance, on December 11, at the Mayfair, Grand avenue and Webster streets. This gathering is in the form of a get-together, and tickets will sell at 40 cents a couple, extra lady, 25 cents.

Chairman, Geo. B. MacFarlane, in charge of the arrangements, invites labor and its friends to attend this gala affair.

Music will be furnished by a union 11-piece orchestra, and intermissions taken up with specialty numbers by members of the orchestra.

The evening's entertainment will start promptly at 9 o'clock and continue until 2 a. m. Refreshments will be served.

Roosevelt Acts In Rail Strike

Board Named to Mediate Dispute on Pacific Electric Line

President Roosevelt created an emergency board to mediate the dispute between the Pacific electric railway and the brotherhood of railroad trainmen at Los Angeles.

Pacific electric is a southern Pacific subsidiary. The brotherhood has called a strike for tomorrow on the contention that Pacific electric pays its trainmen on a "street-car service" basis, whereas it actually is a railroad line subject to the stringent regulations of interstate commerce carriers. An approximately 33 per cent wage raise is demanded.

The president's action automatically halted strike plans. No further strike move may be made by the trainmen until the emergency board has reported its findings within 30 days.

Fibre Products and Wax Paper Workers First Annual Dance

Corrugated Fibre Products and Wax Paper Workers' Union No. 382, reports that Frank Moran has been appointed business representative for Local 382, effective November 1st, 1937.

Local 382 also wishes to announce their first annual dance to be held Saturday, November 27 at Legure hall, 48th street and Shattuck avenue. Tickets 35 cents. It is planned to have a master of ceremonies and put on a few vaudeville acts between dances. Beer and hot dogs will be on the menu.

"This union has, through the central labor council, had the Cadaco company located at 19th and Union streets, Oakland, declared non-union to organized labor. They work their help straight time and don't believe in paying overtime regardless of the hours worked.

"This company is a detriment to all our present and future agreements and are lowering the standard which our union has fought so hard to bring where it is," Moran said.

Popeye and Betty Union

Popeye and Betty Boop will henceforth be union made products. Several artists who had been out on strike since August returned to work after winning a contract providing them with wage increases, shorter hours, improved working conditions and recognition of the commercial artists and designers union, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

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LADY ATTENDANT

Webb Motor Co. Refuses To Deal with Automobile Salesmen's Union No. 1095

Webb Motor company still persists in refusing to treat with local organized labor in the matter of the automobile salesmen's union involving ten men.

Union members and their friends should be mindful of this condition, and when purchasing automobiles be sure that the salesman is a member of Automobile Salesmen's Union No. 1095.

Local Labor Helps

Organized labor of Alameda county is united in co-operating 100 per cent with the salesmen, and every effort will be made to have this non-union firm, who is listed on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Alameda county Central Labor Council, negotiate with the salesmen.

John Philpott, business representative, is in charge of the campaign, reports the union's efforts progressing, and hopes to be able to announce, in the near future, the adjustment of the controversy with the Webb Motor company, who has two stores, one in Oakland at 2321 Broadway, and one in Berkeley at 2471 Shattuck avenue.

Upholsters' Union Lists Kroehler Mfg. Company Non-Union

The delegates to the Central Labor Council from the upholsters' union report Kroehler Manufacturing Co., products non-union, and requested organized labor to refrain from patronizing this firm.

This firm manufacturs chesterfields, chairs, studio couches and other like furniture, and refuses to employ members of the upholsters' union.

When you need furniture, be sure to look for the manufacturers' label, and co-operate with the upholsters by refusing to purchase products of the Kroehler Manufacturing company until this firm negotiates with union labor.

MACHINISTS' DRIVE IN SANTA BARBARA

Charles E. Edmonds, business representatives of machinists' union of Long Beach, journeyed to Santa Barbara recently and with the assistance of representatives of Los Angeles locals, was successful in reviving the machinists' union in the Channel city.

Forty-two men joined the union and from this nucleus will be builded an organization comprising every mechanic in the district.

Brother Edmonds reported, upon his return, that the organization campaign is to be extended to Ventura in the near future when a local charter will be installed.

He also reported that business in the boat yards is suffering from a temporary lull, resulting in idleness for several of the union members.

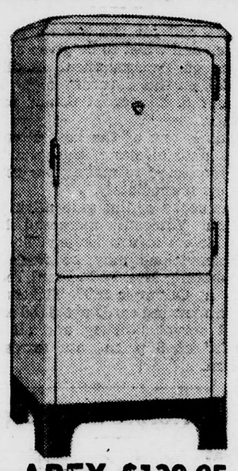
JACKSON CINEMA OPERATORS FINALIZE WAGE RATE PACT

Moving Picture Machine Operators, effectively organized Jackson, Mich., and were successful in negotiating a new agreement with the Butterfield theatres, in which a wage increase of 7½ per cent was won.

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Narcotic Traffic Put At $1,500,000 a Day

More than $1,500,000 worth of narcotics are peddled to drug addicts daily by organized gangs in the United States, William J. Quinn, San Francisco chief of police, told the international world police conference last week.

The yearly crime cost as a result of this traffic was estimated by Quinn at $2,000,000,000.

Canada Employment Is Still On Upgrade

Industrial employment in Canada continues on the upgrade, according to the dominion bureau of statistics. On October 1 an aggregate payroll of $1,197,647 was reported, an increase of 23,351 workers, as compared with the previous month. While the increase was not as great as the corresponding month a year ago, it exceeds any other previous period for the past 16 years.

More K. C. Indictments

Thirty more election officials have been indicted by a federal grand jury which is investigating the activities of the Pendergast "machine" in Kansas City, Mo. The total is now 181.

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ORPHEUM
Starts Thursday, November 4
BARBARA STANWYCK
HERBERT MARSHALL
"BREAKFAST FOR TWO"
Eric Blore-Donald Meek
. . also . .
GLADYS GEORGE
"MADAM X"
Warren William-John Beal

Plumbers' Notes

The attention of members of Plumbers' Union No. 444 is again called to a concerted drive of the Alameda County Building Trades Council to strictly enforce the working card and button on all construction work.

Every member of the various crafts affiliated with the building trades council should wear his craft button in a conspicuous place, and by so doing the conditions existing on the job would be openly understood and the strength of the organizations demonstrated.

During the past two weeks the Lamson Pneumatic Tube company has been unionized and in the future members of the united association will install this system of store and office equipment.

Reports from authentic sources are that all plumbing installed in the buildings on treasure island will be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board of health of the city of San Francisco, in whose jurisdiction the world's fair grounds and buildings are, according to a federal decision.

Brother Carl Hall, who has been on the sick list for some time, has returned to work. Brother Harry Williams, who has been laid up for the past year due to injuries received while employed by Carl Doell, is getting along nicely and is looking forward to being able to return to work about the first of the coming year. Brother Elliot Westphall is improving and according to his physician is doing very well. From reports received Brother Emil Marios is somewhat improved, and Jack Teague is holding the fort at his residence in Castro valley where he would be pleased to have members call.

DENTAL UNION 99 MEETING CALLED

The next regular meeting of Dental Technicians' Union No. 99 will be held in the Oakland hotel, room 266, at 8 p. m., Tuesday evening, November 9, 1937.

All members of the local are requested to make an effort to be in attendance as important matters are to be discussed.

Meeting opens promptly at 8 o'clock.

Santa Barbara Laundry Strike Growing Tense

Developments in the two-months-old laundry strike moved quickly this week, portending action one way or the other.

Under the direction of Charles Keegan, international organizer for the union, efforts at negotiation are being made.

Climax to these attempts was expected shortly.

If some assurance of arbitration was not in sight soon, leaders were planning to call a mass meeting for the purpose of registering public complaint against the laundry employers.

Meanwhile eleven workers out of 16 in the Domestic laundry walked out this week, charging that girls from Los Angeles were hired at $3.50 per day, while other employes were paid at the usual rate of 33 cents per hour.

State Relief Load Lessens

The combined relief load now borne by state and federal agencies in California, totaling 110,000 cases, is considerably below the mark for the same time last year, State Relief Administrator Harold E. Peferoy disclosed.

A year ago the various agencies were caring for 154,000 cases, he said.

HERE IT IS

By S. E. Yelruh

The Peace Plan

Just as I thought it would terminate, only an attempt at setting a trap which the A. F. of L. was forced into, but came out with colors flying. Any thinking person who carefully digested Lewis and Murray's proposal could see through it all. In effect the CIO proposal was this, you walk out, we will walk in and for respectability sake we will call the thing A. F. of L., hoping the general public will forget that we are dominated by communists, and through the fact that we call it the A. F. of L. we can accomplish the transformation of the political and economic change of the country before any great number of people realizes just what is happening.

The A. F. of L. submitted to them a very honorable plan, in fact the only one which could have been submitted, "you walked out on us, come on back and we will sit down and see what we can work out," but no, that plan was too honorable for them to see, so they threw up their tail and began to spray their propaganda.

Poison and Progress

They, the CIO, talk of progress and progressives. Oh, those much abused words. Their entire progress has been built up by spreading poison, they have recruited thousands of young, agressive men and filled their minds full of poison against men whom they did not know and in the main never heard of before, and against a movement most of whom knew little if anything about. It is to be regretted that the young men of the country cannot see, that the A. F. of L. is the bridge builder for them.

"The old man traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream held no fear for him.
But he paused when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
Old man said a fellow pilgrim near,
You are wasting your time with building here;
You've crossed the chasm vast and wide,
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?
The builder lifted his old gray head,
Good friend the way I've come, he said,
There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This stream that has been as naught to me,
To that fair haired youth might a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

It is with such thoughts as the above that every father in the American Federation of Labor has done his part in building the labor movement. But this gang of self-seekers in the CIO have continuously hollered sellout, crooks, labor fakers and every despicable term possible until they have succeeded temporarily in turning this fair youth from the path over which the bridge has been built. We must turn him back ere it is too late.

A Very Respectable Crowd

A recent pamphlet emanating from San Francisco says, "the CIO does not believe in slugging, gangsterism, terroristic tactics and domination of the rank and file by fear." Well, of course, it is impossible to differentiate between the CIO, and the gang that is running it, possibly it is a case of Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde for in every labor struggle, major or minor, they have endeavored by mass demonstrations, sitdown strikes, persuasion by beef squads, kidnapings or other unlawful methods to coerce or intimidate majorities and minorities. Their beef squads built mostly around ex-convicts, have always been active except where the going was too tough, then they holler "cop."

What did Bridges do a short time back when he caused to be removed the secretary of the marine firemen, and substituted for him an ex-convict? and surrounded the meeting hall with his beer squads. Of course that was all right, that was the alien Bridges. He is next to Christ. He can do no harm. Well I think some of the A. F. of L. boys will be showing this alien the way to go home pretty soon and it can't come any too soon for the good of labor.

Legal Racketeers Promote "Unions" That Gyp Workers

Worst Features of Outlawed 'Company Union' Embodied In Lawyers' Scheme

Launched in Wisconsin last summer, a racket in which workers pay actual cash for the opportunity of getting kicked in the pants is spreading to other parts of the country.

Cases investigated in Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio have, in each instance, disclosed that a small group of lawyers, closely allied with employers, is promoting the scheme.

The first step in the racket is the organization of a group of workers into an "independent" union. The lawyers working this scheme charge the workers a fee for drafting "legal" by-laws, instructing "leaders" in the conduct of meetings, drawing up agreements, and "assisting" committees in getting these pacts signed by employers.

Workers Pay for Being Fooled

These "independent" unions contain all the worst features of the outlawed "company unions," with the added disadvantage that the workers themselves pay the cost of operating the "dummy" association. In the old type of "company union" the boss footed all of the bills.

After the promoters have induced the workers to shell out good money for "organization fees," the real "gyp" comes when an agreement is "negotiated" with the employer.

These "agreements" invariably follow the same pattern. Couched in imposing legal phraseology, they are of no more value to the employes than the want ad section of a last year's Bulgarian newspaper would be to a blind Mexican looking for the results of this week's election in Australia.

Workers Sold Down River

A typical example of how the workers are sold down the river by these "phony" agreements is shown by a contract signed this week by the Hershey Chocolate corporation, Hershey, Pa., and the "independent" union which is supposed to represent its employes.

This agreement would delight the heart of the most rabid anti-union employer in America. After a sugar-coating of recognition of the "union" as "the exclusive bargaining agency of all the employes," the agreement specifically forbids "strikes of any kind" or any stoppage of work by employes, provides that there will be no wage increases or shortening of working hours, and concedes to the employer the "full power" to discharge or discipline an employe for any cause whatsoever.

At present, most of these "independent" unions are in Milwaukee. Virtually all of them are incorporated and were mid-wifed by the same lawyer group.

Salinas Mechanics Are Seeking Union

Salinas.—Informed that a group of some 40 Salinas automobile mechanics wish to form a union, the Salinas Central Labor Council at its meeting last Friday night voted to request San Francisco headquarters of the machinists' union to send an organizer here.

BERMAN'S SALE
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S. Loafea Signs Agreement With Sheet Metal Men

A union agreement was signed this week with S. Loafea, 5732 Elizabeth street, Oakland, sheet metal manufacturer, for one year, covering eight employes, calling for hours, wages and conditions prevailing in like shops.

The firm manufacturers sheet metal products, listing some of the many as follows: garage cans, camp stoves, airtight heaters and oil cans.

This agreement taking effect on November 1, is in addition to the pact with the office workers' union, wherein the employes of the office are members of the union.

Shorter Hours Won By Clerks in South

Under the 50-hour week recently established for A. F. of L. affiliated food clerks, more than 15,000 members of the organization, from Bakersfield to San Diego, are affected, according to International Organizer Boyd Buffet of the retail clerks international protective association. Clerical groups under other locals of the A. F. of L. association have a 48-hour week, while food clerks always have been subject to longer working hours than are given them in the 50-hour week. Organizer Buffet stated that the local's members had been working 54 hours a week under previous agreements.

L. A. Laundries Making Headway

Intensive organizational activities among laundry workers during the past two weeks has resulted in negotiations with numerous laundry concerns whose employes are seeking membership in the AFL organization, according to Central Labor Council Organizer A. M. Hart, whose efforts in the laundry workers' field have resulted in unionization of several plants.

Trade unionists are urged to demand that laundry drivers exhibit their AFL teamsters' union buttons, and that their patronage be given to laundries whose plant employes are members of our organizations.

Back of the union label are shorter hours, higher wages, and better working conditions.

Notes of Laundry Drivers

Our membership is showing a decided gain in membership.

Brother John Pratt at the sanitary laundry reports an addition to his family. We wish the Mrs. and baby a happy future.

ATTENTION! Laundry Drivers

Effective, November 9, 1937, members of Laundry Drivers' Union, Local No. 209, may pay dues on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, to the secretary-treasurer at room 312, Pacific building, from 6:30 to 8 p. m.

Dues may also be paid to the secretary-treasurer during the same hours on meeting nights, or to the business representative any time between meetings.

L. A. DAVIDSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

To members of No. 209 nomination of officers will take place the first meeting in December. Election of officers will be held the second meeting of December.

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Laundry drivers ask the cooperation of the labor movement in bringing cleaning drivers of small shops into our organization. Just ask for the card and button. The only cleaners in the Grand avenue and Lakeshore district employing union drivers are Autocrat cleaners and J. Allec.

Social Security Fund Is Safe

There was one statement in former President Hoover's broadcast Tuesday night which should not be permitted to pass unnoticed. He said:

"Is it moral for a government to collect hundreds of millions from the wages of workmen under the promise that they are kept in a fund for their security and then spend the fund on its current expenses and extravagances?"

Mr. Hoover wanted listeners to believe that congress and the executive are looting the social security fund. There is no basis for that charge. Instead of borrowing from the banks, Uncle Sam is borrowing from the social security fund, and for every dollar borrowed he is depositing his own interest-bearing paper—the soundest security in the world.

There is not the slightest danger that a penny of the social security fund will be lost or improperly diverted. Mr. Hoover knows that, and it is unfortunate he wasn't frank enough to say so.

Hollister Opens Negotiations for Own B. T. Council

Substantial progress toward formation of a building trades council in San Benito county was made at a meeting held last week in Hollister.

In the chair was a veteran member of Plasterers' Local 244 of San Jose and long-time resident of Hollister, L. L. O'Brien. In attendance from San Jose were Fred Volkers, secretary of the building trades council, Robert Judson, council business agent; Ed Bissonette, plasterers members; George Petrie, hod carrier business agent and Leo Perry, member of the local lathers' union.

Watsonville was represented by James Mann, business agent of the Watsonville Building Trades Council; Charles C. Nunnally, A. F. of L. organizer of Modesto; G. L. DeWald, president o fthe Watsonville Central Labor Council, and Hazel Robinson, council secretary.

Another meeting is scheduled in the near future, by which time it is expected Chairman O'Brien will have further developments to report. In view of the fact members of the various crafts in the Hollister district are anxious to have their own council, sponsors of the plan believe it is only a matter of completing preliminary work before the project succeeds.

Right To Strike Is Defended By Draper

The "unreasonable and dictatorial attitude" of some employers in refusing to bargain collectively with employes leaves the strike the only alternative through which to express dissatisfaction with sweatshop conditions.

President P. M. Draper of the Canada trades and labor congress made that declarations at Cornwall, Canada, last Sunday in a speech during the installation of officiers of the recently-chartered Cornwall trades and labor council.

Draper said he deplored "unauthorized and sporadic strikes," but insisted that he would resist any effort to restrict the workers' right to use their economic power when that is necessary to redress grievances.

Fewer Illegal Riders

The number of illegal train riders ejected from railroad property, but not arrested, in the six months' period from March to August, inclusive, this year, was 80,000 below the same period in 1936.

Painters' Local No. 127

Lack of members of the K. 9 club at the last meeting has caused the officers of the club to consider taking drastic action against those failing to attend. It was suggested by brother Miller that maybe the suckers are getting wise and that the password should be changed.

The next meeting of the local will be of importance and all the members should make an attempt to be there. Elsewhere in the Journal is the official notice of this special called meeting which will be the only meeting this month.

Brother Miller has requested the contractors on the tunnel job to furnish a box of aspirin to all business agents as he says this job sure is a headache to him.

Poker player Larry returned from a hunting trip with a side of deer which some farmer was kind enough to give him.

At the last meeting of the local the financial secretary was appointed to remain in the office during business hours so that the business representative could look over the jobs. The members are requested to make use of the phone when seeing any violations of the agreement.

We understand that a movement is under way to revive Brother Groff's fund but it is running into a few obstacles from the dear brocher himself.

Please notify your employer when in need of men to phone this office and help to secure a job for your brother member.

The board of managers of the sick fund wishes to notify the members to report to the board with a doctor's certificate immediately upon becoming sick or disabled as the rules of the fund must be closely adhered to to protect the fund.

Sheet Metal Union Backs MacDonald

Santa Cruz.—Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 304, the jurisdiction of which includes Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas and Monterey, held a meeting in Santa Cruz Sunday.

The meeting last Sunday adopted a resolution of vigorous opposition to appointment of Frank Carr as full inspector for the state industrial accident commission and calling for the re-appointment of Frank C. MacDonald.

Organized labor of California is giving unqualified support to re-appointment of MacDonald, not only because he belongs to the ranks of labor, but also for the fearless manner in which he has brought enforcement of industrial safety laws.

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Housing Shortage Called Terrifying

Federal Program Is Scarcely A Drop in Bucket, Declares New Administrator

The federal government's $526,000,000 slum clearance program will be scarcely a drop in the bucket in overcoming the most serious housing shortage that has ever existed in this country.

That is the opinion of Nathan Straus, new housing administrator, who was sworn in this week.

If the people are to be adequately housed, Straus said, not less than 900,000 homes must be constructed yearly. With only 75,000 units built in 1935, 250,000 in 1936 and about 400,000 this year, Straus declared, the situation is "really terrifying."

All the government expects to do under the present program, Straus emphasized, is to set a good example for private capital.

"The government's housing efforts," he added, "cannot be a substitute for private enterprise in meeting this great problem. We hope private enterprise is going to get down to work and build, and we hope, also, that the government's contribution will be a stimulus to private enterprise, as it has been in other countries. But it must not be overlooked that the government can provide only from 10 to 15 per cent of the housing required."

Straus contended his job is to spend the money made available by congress as "quickly and as intelligently as possible."

The federal administrator has called a conference of local housing authorities, to meet in Washington at which he hopes plans will be adopted to start the dirt flying at once.

Skullcrackers Popular With Local Listeners

What promises to become one of the most popular local radio features is KROW's newest production bearing the interesting title of "SKULLCRACKERS." There are several innovations in this presentation to be heard every Monday night 10:00 to 10:30 over KROW which set the show apart from the usual run of I. Q. or question and answer programs.

Competitive teams of four members each are selected from representative industrial and retail establishments of the east bay.

The winning team of each week returns the following week to meet a new competitor and so on for the elimination period till the end of the series when members of the final winning team are placed on a competitive basis among themselves. A widely diversified range of questions are proposed, many of which concern things locally.

The show is produced and presented by M. Scott Weakley, KROW production manager who is identified as the chief skullcracker. It is reported that Weakley takes keen delight in cracking the skulls of his victims, of course employing sound effects rather than the contestants' skulls.

This new feature is not only entertaining and educational but is packed with a laugh a minute.

Food Store Ordinance Before City Council

An ordinance was presented to the city council of Oakland last Tuesday covering the closing of food stores on Sundays and holidays, and regulating the opening and closing hours of such business.

This city law, sponsored by the Food Industries, Inc., whose membership is composed of 1400 stores in Oakland, cites the need for such regulations to protect the health of the public in stores now open all hours, and the advantages that owners and employes may gain by more leisure hours.

The ordinance provides for the distribution of milk and dairy products.

The food industries contemplate the presenting of similar ordinances in adjacent cities.

The proposed law will come up for consideration of the council at a later date.

Old Hymns Brought to Date

At the recent general convention of the episcopal church in Cincinnati, Ohio, a new missionary service hymn book was adopted in which several of the best loved old hymns were retained, but in modernized form. A notable example was the hymn for travelers, "Eternal Father Strong to Save," written in 1861. A new line in one of the verses was added for motor car travelers. It reads, "Oh, Christ, who madest hill and plain o'er which our traffic runs amain." Another line, referring to travelers by air reads, "And keep them by Thy watchful care from every peril in the air."

'Mainliner' Flew Low

The margin between life and death of the nineteen persons on the ill-fated airship, "Mainliner," was 100 feet of altitude. Examination of the point at which the ship struck a peak in the Uintah mountains showed that if the pilot had flown only 100 feet higher during the blizzard which overtook them the big ship would have cleared the mountain crags and flown to safety.

UNION LABEL BRUSHES ARE MADE BY TWO FIRMS

The union label trades department of the American Federation of Labor issued a statement urging trade unionists to purchase brushes made by Brushmakers' Union Local 16303 of New York, N. Y., which has recently made contracts with two brush manufacturing concerns to have the union label imprint appear on their products.

"Brushes bearing the union label can now be obtained from some firms," the statement said, adding:

"The Brushmakers' Union Local 16303 of New York city recently announced that the A. F. of L. official label will be placed on the brushes by means of a die.

"The contracts have been made with the following firms:

"Pitegoff Brothers, paint brush manufacturers, of 320 Van Buren street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Culicover and Shapiro, manufacturers of house furnishings and industrial brushes, 252 Pearl street, New York city.

"In making the announcement for the brushmakers' union, Secretary Herman Templeman stated that he desired the help and cooperation of all members of organized labor in buying union-made brushes for painting, household and industrial purposes.

"Secretary-Treasurer I. M. Ornburn of the union label trades department urges all members of labor unions and their friends to buy union label brushes."

Seattle Clerks Get Pay Raise

40-Hour Week Also Provided In Contract Signed By 23 Establishments

Union officials said this week more than 3,000 clerks in 23 Seattle department stores and variety shops will benefit by a wage-hour agreement closed this week between the retail clerks' international protective association and the Seattle department stores association.

40-Hour Week

J. H. Conners, union business agent, said the agreement called for a six-day, 40-hour week and provided wage increases aggregating more than $500,000 a year. More than 80 per cent of the clerks will get pay increases.

Terms of the agreement, to run to June 1, 1939, were announced jointly by the negotiating committees.

Arrangements were made for arbitration of difficulties. The agreement provides a preferential shop, with new clerks being required to join the union.

Deaths Increase at Railroad Crossings

Deaths at railroad grade crossings took a sharp turn upward last year, it was disclosed in a report issued this week by the interstate commerce commission.

Of the 5,308 persons killed in railway accidents, 1,519, or 28.14 per cent, met death in accidents involving automobiles. That was an increase of 87 over the preceding year.

Union Label Broadcast By Ornburn on Nov. 30

Purchase of Holiday Gifts Made by Trade Union Members Will Be Urged

I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the union label trades department of the American Federation of Labor, will give an address on "Union label Christmas gifts" from 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., E. S. T., over the blue network of the National Broadcasting company on Tuesday, November 30, it was announced by the department.

"This talk will be in connection with a campaign among our holiday shoppers to buy only union label Christmas gifts," the department said, adding:

"The union label trades department urges all members of organized labor to listen in and also to notify their neighbors about this broadcast by telephone or otherwise.

"Don't forget! Tuesday, November 30, 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., E. S. T., on the coast-to-coast network of the National Broadcasting company. The subject will be 'Union label Christmas gifts.'"

Paper Box Makers Win Good Union Agreement

Wage boosts of $1 to $2 a week for several hundred workers, a five-day, 40-hour week, and an arbitration board, composed of representatives of the union and the employers, were among the things provided for in a union shop agreement, recently entered into by Paper Box Makers Union, Local No. 299, of New York city, and the Paper Box Credit bureau, an association of forty-four manufacturers. The union is affiliated with the international brotherhood of pulp, sulphite, and paper mill workers and the A. F. of L.

The contract is one of the most extensive ever consummated by a local union chartered by this international, and was secured, without a strike, largely through the efforts of John P. Burke, international president-secretary.

GOLD OUTPUT RECORD

A bullion production in 1937 of more than $12,000,00 will establish a new record for gold mining in Ontario, Canada, according to official estimates. The previous high mark was made last year, when the output was $8,953,831.

Commercial Wire Men Seek Big Membership

Telegraphers' Union Gained 68 Per Cent in Two Years; Press Association Signed

With a gain in membership of 68 per cent already noted in the past two years, the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of North America, which will begin its 36th year of A. F. of L. affiliation December 6, is launching a campaign to organize all commercial telegraphers in the United States.

This powerful campaign is in keeping with plans approved at the recent Chicago convention of the C. T. U.

Reports submitted to the convention by international officers, including President Frank B. Allen, showed the union's contracts with the united press, universal service and the international news service, have been renewed with gains for the union repeatedly for thirty years, without interruption by strikes.

Since the Postal Telegraph & Cable company has signed union agreements in many cities, and particularly with the advent of the national labor relations act, officials believe that agreements with the associated press and the long non-union western union are nearer than ever before.

How Many Cars by 1979?

When the average man is trying to find a place to park downtown it is difficult for him to realize that 42 years ago there were only four automobiles in the United States. Today there are 27 million of them, mostly standing idle alongside the curbs or flying over the highways and streets. It is estimated that by 1960 there will be 31 million. No one has guessed what the number will be 42 years from now, but the way they are selling it is reasonable to believe they will be double the present number.

NOT ONE PUPIL IN THIS SCHOOL

Recent stories of one-pupil schools have been superseded by the situation of Imogene Cooper, hired to teach the San Creek rural school near Hoxie, Kan., last fall. Only two families with children were living in the district at the time, but Miss Cooper was hired just the same. Her contract required that she spend five hours, five days a week in the schoolroom for which she was to receive $40 a month. One of the two families moved out of the district soon afterward and because of superior educational advantages, the children in the other family are being transported to the Hoxie school. So this leaves Miss Cooper without any pupils at all but she opens the schoolhouse every morning except Saturday and Sunday, builds a fire and spends the required time reading or doing needlework, returning home at 4 o'clock.

E Pluribus Unum Is Name

When the social security board in Washington received a card bearing the name of "E Pluribus Unum Brady" of New Orleans it was returned and Brady was admonished not to go in for levity with this august governmental body. Brady returned the card, advising them it was his lawful name. Back came the card to the firm for which Brady is working and which is putting in the proportion of his salary as provided by law. In the end, Brady had to get his birth certificate as well as make affidavit that his first name really is "E Pluribus Unum" before his card would be accepted in Washington.

Put Out Fire with Kerosene

When fire was discovered in some bales of cotton in a Greenville, Ala., warehouse, the city fire department did not dash water on the cotton. Instead the smouldering fire deep in the cotton bales was put out with kerosene, which the uninformed might think was a foolhardy thing to do. But there was a good reason for using kerosene which penetrates cotton and unless its fumes have an opportunity to mix with air, it will not burn. But it will put out a fire just the same as water. On the other hand, water will not soak into closely packed cotton like kerosene so has no value as a fire extinguisher.

Rat Plague Menace To Slum Dwellers

Some idea of the living conditions of many low-income families in Washington may be gleaned from the disclosure this week that they are menaced by a plague of rats.

In a radio broadcast, Mrs. Helen Duey Hoffman, director of the Washington housing association, said refusal of landlords to keep houses in repair was responsible for the dilemma. Fifty per cent of the dwellings should be torn down, she declared.

Cases of children having been bitten by the rodents were common, Mrs. Hoffman said.

C.I.O. Seamen's Pact Loses Labor's Rights

Slaughter Says Dual Union Contract Also Provides Wages Below A. F. of L. Scales

The recent contract secured for seamen on the Poker fleet of the Minnesota-Atlantic Transit company by a CIO dual union is being pointed to as another example of the utter futility of workers expecting gains from that source at all comparable to those secured by legitimate A. F. of L. unions.

E. L. Slaughter, representing the international longshoremen's union, points out that the contract of the CIO outfit establishes wage scales from $3 to $10 a week less than those established by American Federation of Labor unions. In addition to that important consideration, it is stated the settlement also signs away some vital and fundamental rights of the workers.

Like many other CIO so-called union contracts, the agreement covers only members of the national maritime federation, which is not recognized as an exclusive bargaining agency for all employes.

A shining example of lack of cooperation with or consideration for other workers, according to Mr. Slaughter, is a clause in the CIO contract by which seamen may be forced to handle cargo which has been declared "hot" by other unions, with refusal resulting in instant discharge without a hearing. Thus it is charged these seamen have been "sold down the river" for the publicity and self-aggrandizement it might gain misleaders of labor.

The A. F. of L. and the I. L. A. are co-operating in reorganizing the seamen's unions, with notable and continuous progress reported.

Coolie Wages Not for Orientals; Highest Paid

"Coolie" wages took on a new meaning in a report issued this week by the department of labor.

One of its surprising disclosures was that the highest farm wages in this country are paid to oriental field workers in California. Their average annual income is $748.

The lowest paid are female negro cotton pickers in Louisiana, with an average of $62 a season.

In between these extremes are all sorts of variations. Male cotton pickers in Louisiana averaged $178, but in Tennessee their toil brought them only $125.

White farm workers in Pennsylvania averaged only $347 a year and income in other northern states was at approximately the same low level.

The average amount available for each member of a farm worker's family was less than $100 a person in the south and about $125 in the north. Taking into consideration climatic differences, the report said, there is little real difference between the two sections.

Would Photograph Votes

Candidate for the state legislature in New Jersey, Albert F. McGee of Atlantic city, has a new plan to prevent fraudulent voting by repeaters on election day. He would have a photographer with a candid camera stationed at each polling booth and take pictures of the voters as they present themselves before the election board. To test out his proposal, he has invited members of a local camera club made up of amateurs, promising them good vantage points from which to take their pictures and also protection in polling places. Besides the experience gained in photography, McGee points that this would be a patriotic service in the interests of purer politics and clean government.

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10 Per Cent Pay Raise Won By Columbus Typos

Typographical Union No. 5, Columbus, Ohio, with about 200 members employed in 30 commercial printing plants, won a blanket increase in pay amounting to 10 per cent in an agreement recently signed with the employing printers' association.

Five per cent of the increase became effective at once, with the additional 5 per cent being added January 1, 1938.A prolonged "union meeting" which kept men from work for a time, resulting from procrastination by employers in negotiating a new agreement, was ended promptly when the new contract was signed.

The scale for commercial shop printers in Columbus is now $47 for a 40-hour week, for day work, and $51 for a 40-hour week, for night work.

First Telephone in Texas

When Col. A. H. Belo, publisher of the Galveston, Texas, News, went to the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, he was much impressed with the demonstration of the first telephone on exhibition there. In March, 1878, he had one of these "new-fangled gadgets" installed in his office and connected with his home. That was Texas' first telephone.

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San Francisco Ousts CIO Bargemen for Actions Contrary to Council

The bargemen's union was ousted by the San Francisco Labor Council following announcement by its delegates to the council last Friday night that hereafter it will be designated as a unit of the international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union, a committee for industrial organization affiliate.

The council voted to cancel the union's connection with the local central body of American Federation of Labor unions, and to unseat the delegates.

GOVERNOR AUCTIONEER

Added interest was given a sale of shorthorn cattle at Unionville, Ont., this week when Governor N. G. Kraschel of Iowa volunteered to act as auctioneer. Many prize animals were purchased by farmers from all parts of the United States.

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Bricklayer Officials Make Visit to Coast

En route from Denver, where he attended the recent AFL convention, Harry C. Bates, international president of brickmasons' and plasterers' international union, in company with State Labor Commissioner Edward L. Nolan, are expected to arrive in Los Angeles early this week, according to Business Representative William R. Roberts of Bricklayers' local No. 2.

The international president of the AFL affiliate while in Los Angeles will confer with local representatives of the bricklayers regarding future organizational plans. Bates is 10th vice president of the AFL.

President Nolan has visited all important points west of Denver during the past two weeks, and according to correspondence reports healthy progress among the numerous bricklayers' organizations.

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Expensive Session

Congressmen making the trip to and from Washington for the special session next month will cost the United States treasury an average of $418 for each of the 531 members of house and senate for traveling expenses alone. Members of congress are entitled to 20 cents a mile for traveling expenses going to and returning from Washington. The total cost of this one item alone for the special session will be about $222,000.

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Only Those Who Desire Work Should Sign the Unemployment Census Cards

"America Must Find a Way to Make It Possible for All Willing Hands to Work," Declares Administrator Biggers

Thirty-three thousand special letters have been sent out to thirty-three thousand local labor unions in the country by Unemployment Census Administrator Biggers asking that organized labor take an active part in getting the message of the census to the unemployed and partly unemployed.

These report cards will be distributed to every home throughout the country on Tuesday, November 16, by the post office mail carriers.

"America must find a way to make it possible for all willing hands to work," said Administrator Biggers in a special radio appeal, "but before the people of this country can undertake any comprehensive correction plan for the cure of unemployment, the full facts must be known."

Mayors in every city in the nation have been asked to set up mayors' committees to tell the unemployed why it is necessary to fill out the unemployment card.

The mayors have been asked to appoint two representatives of labor on the committees, and in his letter to local labor leaders, Administrator Biggers requests local unions to appeal to their members to work individually and collectively to see that unemployed and partly unemployed persons register in the census.

Those who do not want work should not sign the unemployment census card.

Mr. Biggers, who has taken temporary leave from his job as head of one of the largest glass plants in the world to administer the unemployment census without compensation, revealed that he joined in this work only because he saw in the census an opportunity to perform a service that might contribute substantially to economic and social progress.

"This census will reveal the facts," Mr. Biggers said, "and thus afford a complete basis for sound thinking on this vital subject of unemployment if our citizenship can be impressed with the importance of the undertaking and the responsibilities each individual is called upon to meet in its execution."

In his letter to local labor leaders, Administrator Biggers said:

"Local labor unions, because of their close contact with workers both employed and unemployed, are in a position to be of great service in helping to obtain an effective record of the unemployed and partly unemployed."

Local labor unions have been asked to join in the local publicity campaigns, to have their members acquaint their unemployed friends with the purposes of the census, and impress upon them the advantages to themselves, and the great public service to the nation as a whole, of filling out and mailing the cards.

To All Organized Labor:

An effort is being made by the government to learn the number of unemployed in the United States. An unemployment report card is being sent to 31,000,000 homes. It is absolutely necessary that labor organizations shall give every aid in securing as correct a return as possible.

The unemployment report card carries a message from the president of the United States "To Every Worker" in which he states:

"If you are unemployed or partly unemployed and are able to work and are seeking work, please fill out this report card **right away** and mail it before midnight, Saturday, November 20, 1937. No postage stamp is needed.

"The congress directed me to take this census. It is important to the unemployed and to everyone in this land that the census be complete, honest, and accurate. If you give me the facts I shall try to use them for the benefit of all who need and want work and do not now have it."

The mayors or city managers or other comparable local officials will be asked to appoint committees on unemployment registration. I wish to appeal to the trade unions to see that adequate labor representation is provided on these committees appointed by the chief official in every community. Furthermore, every effort should be made to impress upon the members and their neighbors and friends to take advantage of filling out and mailing the report card on or before midnight of Saturday, November 20, 1937.

I am sure that the officers of the trade union movement will comply with the request of the president and use every effort to bring about a satisfactory report of the number of unemployed in the United States.

The information will be of incalculable benefit to the wage earners in our country.

Fraternally yours,
WM. GREEN, President,
American Federation of Labor.

Employes of Martime Board Favor A. F. of L.

Workers Are Organized in New Lodge of American Federation of Government Employes

The employes of the United States maritime commission have organized a lodge of the American Federation of Government Employes under the direction of G. V. Wickware, executive assistant to Charles I. Stengle, president of the federation, who is directing organization activities in Washington.

This new lodge is very democratic, numbering among its 30 odd charter members employes of all ranks from division heads to file clerks, with every division of the commission represented, and should develop into one of the outstanding lodges in the federation.

The lodge members anticipate a membership of at least 300 members out of the total civil service employe enrollment of 500. The new lodge will lend its strength to the A. F. G. E. legislative program recently endorsed by the American Federation of Labor convention and will handle local personnel problems through an outstanding committee on employe adjustments.

UNION LABEL CIGARETTES ENDORSED BY LABEL TRADES

I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, released the following resolution which was authorized by the department:

Whereas, There is a constant growth in the consumption of cigarettes due to the continual increase of new smokers; and

Whereas, the union label displayed on each package of union-made cigarettes guarantees that they are made under American labor standards which provide for decent wages, shorter working hours and human conditions; and

Whereas, union label cigarettes may be more forcibly brought to the attention of labor unionists and their friends by the "brand" names as well as the union label; be it

Resolved, That the union label trades department of the American Federation of Labor endorse and recommend to labor unionists, their families and friends the following union label brands:

Spud (mentholated), and Twenty Grand, manufactured and nationally distributed by The Axton-Fisher company.

Kool (mentholated), Raleigh, Avalon, and Wings, manufactured and nationally distributed by Brown and Williamson Tobacco corporation.

Carmen, manufactured by John Weisert Tobacco company.

Yankee Girl, manufactured by Scotten-Dillon company.

PRESIDENT WANTS NEW TAX TO COVER BIG FARM PROGRAM

Farm relief legislation will be waiting on the doorstep of congress when the special session convenes on November 15, and it will be the most ambitious program of its kind ever undertaken by any government.

Chairman Marvin ones of the house committee on agriculture has drafted a bill which carries out the administration's objectives and hearings on it are now being held. Unless unforeseen obstacles are thrown in the way, Jones expects to have all the kinks ironed out of the measure by the time the solons are ready to knuckle down to business.

"F. D." Demands Action

In identical letters to Jones and Senator Ellison D. Smith, chairman of the senate committee on agriculture, the president this week threw down the gauntlet to the supreme court on farm legislation by advocating a program that retains practically all the features of the invalidated AAA and goes much farther. Here are the broad outlines:

1. Crop production control, through acreage reduction.
2. The ever-normal granary plan, advocated by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, providing that surplus crops in good years shall be stored to make up deficiencies in bad years.
3. Soil conservation.
4. Placing responsibility for administration on local communities.
5. Taxes to finance these measures.

Billion Is Annual Cost

The cost of this far-reaching program, it is estimated, will be in the neighborhood of a billion dollars annually ,and the president insists that every penny must be raised through new taxation.

And there is every indication that congress is ready to oblige. To overcome objections raised by the supreme court against the AAA, congressional leaders propose to put taxes in a separate bill.

In adopting this procedure, congress will take a leaf from the book of experience of the standard railroad labor organizations, which met a supreme court objection to a railroad pension act by inducing congress to divorce the tax feature from retirement legislation and pass each proposition separately.

BREWERS WORRIED

The United States brewers' association, which met in Pittsburgh, Pa., this week, sees "a new rising tide of prohibition sentiment." A resolution was adopted urging brewers everywhere to get busy to "stem the movement."

OMAHA BANS TAILERS

Opposition of landlords to trailers bore fruit this week in an ordinance adopted by the Omaha, Neb., city council, ordering from the city all families living in portable homes. If these families wish to remain there, they must pay rent.



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Going Back To Her Old Job

Josephine Roche has resigned as assistant secretary of the treasury and is going back to Colorado to resume active management of the Rock Mountain Fuel company, the second largest coal-digging corporation in the state.

Death of one of the managers of the coal property seemed to make the move necessary. Secretary Morgenthau is holding the treasury job open, and Miss Roche may have it if she desires to return.

Born with the proverbial golden spoon in her mouth, educated at Vassar, Miss Roche early in life acquired a "social conscience" and became active in many kinds of reform work.

When her father died she inherited his interest in the Rocky Mountain Fuel company. Like every other coal concern in Colorado at that time, it was bitterly anti-union. Its books showed that in one strike it spent $500,000 on gunmen and strikebreakers.

Warred With Rockerfellers

Miss Roche finally got complete control of the property, signed a fine union contract with her employes, and for years waged a fierce war with the Rockefellers and other non-union rivals. Many times her foes thought they had her "on the rocks," but she always slipped through and dodged the bankruptcy court.

Finally came Roosevelt and the N. A. A. and coal miners all over the country were quickly organized. The Roach property shared coal's new prosperity.

In 1934 Miss Roche ran for governor of Colorado, but was defeated in the democratic primary by Edwine C. Johnson, then governor and now senator from the centennial state. Soon after she was designated assistant secretary of the treasury and placed in charge of the public health service.

Banning of Unsafe Vessels Is Belated Reply to Labor

During the last few years the nation has been shocked by several marine disasters that took a frightful toll of human life, but that there have not been more Morro Castle and Mohawk catastrophies is little short of a miracle.

That is the only conclusion that may be drawn from a disclosure this week that the bureau of marine inspection and navigation had issued orders to steamship lines not to carry passengers on 40 ships until they had been put in a safe condition.

Included in the banned vessels are 12 of the so-called "president" boats of the Dollar line, which have accommodations for upwards of 300 passengers each. Until proper safety equipment is installed, none of the vessels is permitted to transport more than 12 persons in addition to the crew.

Proves Labor Charge

Back of this sensational revelation is a highly interesting story. For one thing, it proves up to the hilt the contention of organized labor that the department of commerce has been negligent in making inspections and in enforcing safety requirements. For 20 years the veteran "Andy" Furuseth, leader of the seamen, tramped the halls of congress and wore his heart out pleading that something be done to safeguard passengers and seamen.

At its last session congress passed legislation embodying many of Furuseth's suggestions, and made its provisions effective October 1. Ship owners rushed to the department of commerce with pleas for exemptions and exceptions, and in many cases their wishes were granted.

The Dollar line, for instance, was authorized to evade a requirement that sprinkler systems be installed by substituting an inferior system that would save the company $200,000.

When "Joe" Kennedy, chairman of the maritime commission, heard of this ruling he literally "raised the roof." It is understood that he went to the white house and voiced vigorous objection to official sanctioning of floating coffins.

What transpired after Kennedy's visit is a matter of speculation. That some one in authority cracked down, however, is evidenced by the fact that the department of commerce completely reversed itself and tied up the unsafe ships in port.

Victories Are Gained By Long Beach Unions

Building Trades Vision 100 Per Cent Closed Shop; Carpenters Get $1.10 Per Hour

Building trades unions associated with the building trades council of Long Beach, Calif., predict that every contractor in the city will be operating under 100 per cent union conditions soon. Officials of Carpenters' Union No. 710 report success in a new drive for members. A new wage scale of $1.10 per hour recently inaugurated by the carpenters is going through successfully.

Among other union gains here are those noted by Retail Clerks No. 324. Added to the long list of fair stores now is the Blue Ribbon markets, a chain of five modern merchandise marts.

Agnew Local Is Formed of State Employes' Group

Employes at the state hospital, Agnew, California, have organized a chapter of the American federation of state, county and municipal employes, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

From a modest initial membership of 15, the organization has grown until its ranks now number 60 members, according to C. V. Schessler, an officer in the group.

Organized less than a month ago, the federation chapter is following the lead of similar chapters established at the Sonoma state home and at Napa state hospital.

Approximately 50 new members are expected to be initiated into the organization at its next meeting.

WAGE SCALE FOR POULTRY WORKERS IS ANNOUNCED

The western federation of butchers has announced a wage scale for poultry workers.

The wage scale sent out from San Francisco headquarters of the federation covers the poultry industry from Bakersfield to Oregon.

Independent action was taken after the butchers had made repeated attempts to set a price for the industry through the employers' association. All these attempts failed due to the wide difference of opinion among the employers.

The scale set by the union follows:

Effective immediately, the price for turkeys is fifteen cents (15c) — 12½ cents for the picker and 2½ cents to be divided between the sticker and the scalder. The 15 cents price is for semi-scalding. Dry picked turkeys 20 cents each.

Reports indicate that the wage scale fixed by the butchers' union is being accepted in most cases, but opposition is expected in some localities.

A blanket agreement covering all union demands excepting wages was signed several months ago.

The union will insist that the union label be placed on all dressed poultry.

Want a $60 Buffalo?

Buffaloes kept on the four government preserves in western states have increased in numbers to a point where the herds must be thinned out. The department of the interior in Washington is offering to sell 269 of these animals to anyone willing to pay its price of $60 each for a live animal crated and delivered at the railroad station nearest the preserve, or $50 butchered, hide included with carcass. Evidently Uncle Sam thinks this is a good time to get rid of his surplus buffalo.

The greatest robber of union wages is the purchaser of unfair products.

Wall Street Hit By 'Economy' Program

Ban on R. F. C. Loans May Wreck Revamp Plans of Bankrupt Railroads

Wall street spokesmen who have been crying for "government economy" changed their tune this week when they woke up to the effect of President Roosevelt's announcement that the reconstruction finance corporation is through lending.

Most of the 31 railroad reorganization plans now before the interstate commerce commission cannot be carried out without loans from the R. F. C. As a result, the "Wall Streeet Journal" predicted carriers will have to depend on private investors, and must make "a more drastic scaling down of their capitalization" before they can hope to get the money.

STRANGE RUSE

Getting home rather late, Anthony Isnasiak, of Detroit, found his house locked, both back and front doors. He called to his wife who refused to let him in. Anthony thought the matter over a while, then turned in a fire alarm. The fire department had its apparatus there in a jiffy and with the men swarming around the house, Anthony soon found a way to get inside. But later he had to pay a fine for turning in a false fire alarm.

REPORTS FROM CANADA

Reports from Toronto, Canada, indicate that small loan operators in the provinces follow the example of many in "the States" by charging exorbitant, if not indeed usurious interest rates, fees, etc.

TEAMSTERS MOVE FOR MILK DELIVERY WAGE IN STOCKTON

An agreement intended to cover milk wagon drivers in the Stockton area was submitted to the central labor council by the teamsters' union at the regular meeting Monday night. The agreement which has been presented to dairy companies at conferences during the past few weeks, calls for union shop conditions and a wage scale and working conditions similar to contracts in force in other localities.

The central labor council gave approval to the proposed agreement.

A joint council meeting held in Stockton Saturday took up problems concerning the milk delivery section of the teamsters. The locals at Fresno, Modesto, Marysville and five locals of Sacramento were represented.

The council meeting gave its sanction to strike action by the Stockton milk wagon drivers, if such action becomes necessary in order to secure a signed agreement. It having been reported that representatives were meeting with difficulties.

Teamster representatives of the San Joaquin valley and bay area met with representatives of the Truck Owner's association in Stockton Monday to clarify interpretations of the July agreement covering truck drivers. An understanding was reached on all except a few minor points.

'Racketeers' Prey On HOLC Borrower

Fees Collected on Promise to Cut Interest and Extend Repayment Period

A campaign to forestall what is described as a "racket" was launched this week by the Home Owner's Loan corporation.

Arguments against legislation reducing interest rates and extending the period of payment have been sent to all field officers, with instructions to make the facts known to the public.

General Manager Charles S. Jones, who signed the statement, warned that racketeers have "seen a chance to make money at the expense of borrowers and are promoting an organization to bring pressure on congress."

Harvest for Racketeers

Solicitors, Jones said, are selling memberships in the movement for $3 down and 25 cents a month. In return, the racketeers promise to reduce the interest rate from 5 to 2½ per cent and extend the period for renayment from 15 to 30 years.

If this program succeeds, Jones said, it will cost the taxpayers $1,000,000,000. In addition, he contended, it would be a "rank injustice" to millions of home owners who are paying to private money lenders rates higher than are now being charged by the HOLC and who would welcome a chance to get present government rates.

BIG BUILDING GAIN

A 44 per cent gain in construction in N. Y. area during the past nine months is reported by the F. W. Dodge corporation. For the entire country the gain was 13 per cent.

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Women Jurors' Problem

A case in a Des Moines court on which eight women jurors sat required condemnation proceedings of a vacant weed-covered area within the city limits. To reach an intelligent decision, the jury decided to go out and view the property. Before the women knew it, their hose and bottoms of skirts and coats were full of a variety of burrs and thistles. Getting rid of the "stickers" they learned to their dismay that their hose were ruined. Back they went to the court and demanded damages. Judge Joseph H. Meyer promised he would do anything he could for them that was within the law but could find no authority in the law books giving him the right to award damages for burrs in jurors' clothes. So the women jurors must absorb the loss themselves. The four men had no complaint to make.

Financier in Making

Last July, Gaylor Craig, 21, Lincoln, Neb., swallowed a fifty-cent piece. A recent x-ray examination showed the coin still in his stomach and his doctor advised him to have it removed. While getting ready for the operation Craig worked out a scheme that would help him pay it. He sold chances at a dime each in a guessing contest on the date of coinage on the half dollar, reserving 50 per cent of the pool for himself. He sold 189 guesses, bringing in a total of $18.90 of which he pocketed $9.45, plus the half dollar that was recovered which was dated 1936.

Remains to Be Seen

Mistress (to new maid)—What is your name?

Maid—Minnie, mum.

Mistress—Well, Minimum, if you do the maximum of work you'll suit.

A. F. of L. Wins In Detroit City Electorial Race

CIO Suffers Defeat at the Polls In Eastern Labor Vote

Once again the voters speak. This time their actions were heard in Detroit, when the CIO conceded the Detroit election to candidates endorsed by the American Federation of Labor in all contests.

Detroit citizens in electing the A. F. of L. sponsored candidates, endorsed by Wayne county Federation of Labor, expressed their desire to continue the policy enunciated by the American Federation of Labor.

Richard W. Reading, successful A. F. of L. candidate for mayor, has the control of the appointment of 70 city department heads, which makes the A. F. of L. victory conclusive.

Detroit is considered one of the CIO strongholds.

LUGGAGE ON AUTOS SUBJECT TO RULES

Carrying luggage or other equipment that extends beyond the line of the hub caps on the left side of an automobile is prohibited by state law, it is pointed out by the California state automobile association. Such loads may be carried on the right side of a vehicle, but must not extend more than six inches beyond the line of the hub caps. Carrying tires in front of the radiator is also prohibited, except on commercial vehicles.

CAN'T BUY OFF CHINESE SOLDIERS

To induce Chinese soldiers to desert, Japanese airmen dropped leaflets over the Shanghai area a few weeks ago offering one dollar each in Chinese money to any deserters who would present themselves at Japanese headquarters and be interned for the period of the war. The offer brought no response so last week the Japs raised the "ante" to five Chinese dollars for every deserting soldier. A Chinese dollar is the equivalent of approximately 29½ cents in our money and five dollars would be $1.47½. Which represents a rather low rating the Japs place upon Chinese patriotism.

SMILES

He "Fa' Down"

Teacher—But how could skin trouble give you a broken arm?

Willie—It was a banana skin, miss.

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There Are a Few

"Yes, my friends," said the theological lecturer, "some admire Moses, who instituted the old law; some, Paul, who spread the new. But, after all, which character in the bible has had the largest following?"

As he paused, a voice from the back of the bench shouted: "Ananias!"

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The Diagnosis

Samuel F. B. Morse was an eminent painter before he invented telegraphy. He painted a scene showing a man in death-agony, and asked a physician friend to examine it.

"Well?" Morse inquired after the doctor had scrutinized the picture. "What's your opinion?"

The physician removed his spectacles, turned to Morse and commented: "Malaria!"

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The Regal Touch

Lady—Oh, so you've been in touch with royalty, have you?

Tramp—Yes, lady; I was once stung by a queen bee.

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Reason to Be Proud

Two parsons were having lunch at a farm during certain celebrations connected with the local church. The farmer's wife cooked a couple of chickens, saying the family could dine on the remains after the visitors had gone.

But the hungry parsons wolfed the chickens bare.

Later the farmer was conducting his guests round the farm, when an old rooster commenced to crow. "Seems mighty proud of himself," said one of the guests.

"No wonder," growled the farmer, "he's got two sons in the ministry."

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Goodness!

Wife (to her husband in the next room)—My dear, what are you opening that can with?

Husband—Why, with a can-opener. What did you think I was doing it with?

Wife—Well, I thought from your remarks that you were opening it with a prayer.

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Wetell

The business man had died and gone to—well, not to heaven. But hardly had he settled down for a nice long smoke when a hearty hand slapped him on the back, and into his ear boomed the voice of a persistent salesman who had pestered him much on earth.

"Well, Mr. Smith," chortled the salesman, "I'm here for the appointment."

"What appointment?"

"Why, don't you remember?" the salesman went on. "Every time I came into your office you told me you'd see me here."

Low-Wage Bosses Shamed By Kaplan

Machinists' Statistician Uses Charwomen's Pay To Riddle Rate Proposed for Stores

Washington employers who are demanding a minimum wage rate of $14.50 a week for women employes of retail stores were made to look pretty cheap this week when it was pointed out to them that the federal government pays its charwomen $21 a week and its minor office employes $24 a week.

These figures were presented by David Kaplan, research director for the international association of machinists, at hearings before the recently-established minimum wage board for the District of Columbia.

Kaplan followed a number of employers who have been standing out for the $14.50 rate.

Dr. William Leiserson of the national mediation board contended that $18 a week was the rock-bottom minimum.

"If these women had a militant labor union, they wouldn't need a minimum wage act," Dr. Leiserson said.

SOON RELEASED HIS TACKLE HOLD

Nightwatchman Roy Gore at the CCC camp near Pigeon Lake, Wis., saw a dark form, apparently of a man stooping over, enter the camp ground late at night. Gore made a leap like a football player's flying tackle and received the surprise of his life. At that, the prowler, a bear, was probably just as much surprised, for it hot-footed in one direction while Gore sped in another.

Anti-Picketing Ordinance Beat By S. F. Voters

Labor's Campaign Comes To Successful End by Voters' Decision

For the second time in the past year the voters of San Francisco shelved the nefarious anti-picketing ordinance. This action of the voters leaves no doubt in the minds of the enemies of labor where the people of San Francisco stand when it comes to aiding the worker in his efforts to eliminate the chiseler.

Last March the voters of San Francisco repealed the 20-year-old anti-picketing ordinance, and this latest attempt of the open shoppers to again place such an ordinance on the law books of the city was once again defeated.

With the defeat of this proposed ordinance, there will be no restrictions on picketing activities of San Francisco labor organizations, with the exception of those covered by general laws.

The ordinance proposed sought to reenact the old ordinance entirely, with more drastic prohibitions than provided in the old law.

Labor argued that there have been fewer strikes and less violence and disturbance due to labor controversies since the old anti-picketing law was repealed than while it was in force. They also contended that their attitude against unfair employers, reinforced and given publicity by picketing, was in the interests of employers fair to labor and to the city itself.

The people of San Francisco can not be fooled by the efforts of open shoppers, and when labor needs the co-operation of the voters, San Francisco responds.

Oakland voters can do well to pattern after citizens of progressive San Francisco.

BARBER CHAIRS GOOD THRONES

A new market has been found for barber chairs that have outlived their usefulness. They are being shipped to the Congo in Africa where they are much in demand as thrones for tribal kings. The more luxurious and the more gadgets for adjustment a chair has the more highly it is prized by the tribal chieftains and the greater the price they are willing to pay for it.

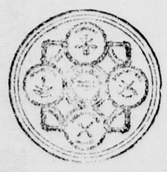
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In a new wage contract, effective for one year from November 15, Local No. 126, Chicago, of the international association of machinists received a wage increase of $1 a day. The contract was made with the machinery movers and erecting contractors' association, with which the union has been on contractural relations for 25 years, and affects 500 men. The old rate was $12 a day.

In addition to the pay raise, the contract calls for vacations with pay, a five-day week, double time for overtime and numerous favorable clauses regarding working conditions.

FARM LABORERS NOT SHARING RECOVERY

Relative prosperity enjoyed by American farmers is not being shared with field workers, according to the department of agriculture. Since 1933 farm income has gained 25 per cent more than wage income, the department said.

That, it was explained, is the principal basis for complaints by farmers of inability to obtain harvest hands.

On October 1, the department reported, the average day wage rate on farms for the entire country, without room or board, was $1.83. It ranged from $3.20 in California to 85 cents in South Carolina.

Explained at Last

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NO EXCUSE FOR CHILD MARRIAGES

"I ain't an old man. We went to a pie supper the other night and go out somewheres most every night." Thus Smith Woodall, 76, of Cookville, Tenn., defended his marriage to a seventeen-year-old girl. But somehow more than a willingness to "go out nights" is needed to justify the child marriages being permitted by authorities, particularly in the south who ought to know better.

The Curt Thing!

He had been trying to secure the attention of a waitress for 20 minutes, but at last got up from his chair, and, going to the desk, demanded to see the manager.

"What for?" asked the girl.

"I've got a complaint," he replied.

"Complaint," retorted the girl, haughtily. "This is a cafe, not a hospital."